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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

RONALD PETER JOHNSON, P.T.,  
RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION  
AND ORDER

The parties to this action for the purposes of Section 227.53, Wis. Stats., are:

Ronald Peter Johnson  
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Rhineland, WI 54501

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Division of Enforcement  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ronald Peter Johnson, date of birth February 16, 1953, is a physical therapist licensed but not currently registered to practice physical therapy in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #1777, which was granted on October 20, 1977.

2. During the period from January 1, 1982, until March 25, 1988, Mr. Johnson was not registered as a physical therapist with the Medical Examining Board, yet Mr. Johnson exercised the rights and privileges of his physical therapist's license by working as a physical therapist for Peterson Health Care of Wisconsin, Inc. Section 448.07(1)(a), Wis. Stats., provides, in part, as follows: "No person may exercise the rights or privileges conferred by any license or certificate granted by the board unless currently registered as required under this subsection."

3. Mr. Johnson violated Section 448.07(1)(a), Wis. Stats., by exercising the rights and privileges conferred by his physical therapist's license without being currently registered with the Medical Examining Board.

4. Mr. Johnson has voluntarily agreed that he must take and successfully complete an oral examination on the practice of physical therapy before the Physical Therapists Examining Council before becoming reregistered as a physical therapist. Mr. Johnson has also agreed to accept a reprimand from the Medical Examining Board for his conduct under paragraph 3.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 448.02(3), Wis. Stats.

2. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is authorized under Section 448.07(1)(e), Wis. Stats., to require any licensee who fails to register as required for three consecutive years, to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board fitness to practice under such license before permitting such person to be reregistered.

3. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Section 227.44(5).

4. Mr. Johnson's violation of Section 448.07(1)(a), Wis. Stats., as set forth in paragraph 3 of the Findings of Fact, constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of Section 448.02(3), Wis. Stats. and Chapter MED 10.02(2)(a), Wis. Adm. Code.

#### ORDER

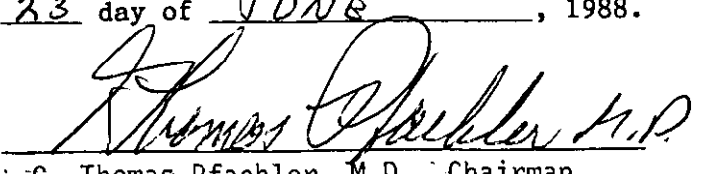
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pending investigation #88 MED 92 is hereby administratively closed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Mr. Johnson may not practice physical therapy or be reregistered in the State of Wisconsin until he takes and passes an oral examination on the practice of physical therapy before the Physical Therapists Examining Council.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Mr. Johnson is hereby REPRIMANDED for practicing physical therapy without being currently registered.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 23 day of JUNE, 1988.

  
G. Thomas Pfaehler, M.D., Chairman  
Wisconsin Medical Examining Board

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE TO	:	
PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY OF	:	
	:	STIPULATION
RONALD PETER JOHNSON, P.T.	:	

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It is hereby stipulated between Ronald Peter Johnson and Judy Mills Ohm, attorney for the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, as follows:

1. Ronald Peter Johnson, date of birth February 16, 1953, is a physical therapist licensed but not currently registered to practice physical therapy in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #1777, which was granted on October 20, 1977.
2. An investigation of Mr. Johnson is pending before the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, investigative file #88 MED 92.
3. Mr. Johnson is aware of and understands each of his rights, including the right to have a disciplinary complaint issued against him; the right to a hearing on the allegations against him, at which time the State has the burden of proving the allegations by clear, satisfactory and convincing evidence; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to call witnesses on his behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify in his own behalf; the right to file objections to any proposed decisions and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision; the right to petition for a rehearing; the right to appeal a final decision to the Wisconsin court system; and all other rights afforded him under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution and the Wisconsin Statutes and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
4. Mr. Johnson freely, voluntarily, and knowingly waives each and every one of the rights set forth in paragraph 3 above.
5. Mr. Johnson failed to register with the Medical Examining Board on or before November 1, 1981, as required by Section 448.07(1)(a), Wis. Stats., causing his registration to expire on December 31, 1981. Mr. Johnson did not apply for reregistration of his license until January 25, 1988.
6. Despite the fact that Mr. Johnson's registration expired on December 31, 1981, Mr. Johnson worked as a physical therapist for Peterson Health Care of Wisconsin, Inc., Rhinelander, Wisconsin, during the period from January 1, 1982, until approximately March 25, 1988. On or about March 25, 1988, Mr. Johnson ceased practicing as a physical therapist in response to a directive from the Physical Therapists Examining Council. The directive was communicated to Mr. Johnson in a letter from Deanna Zychowski, Administrative Assistant to the Medical Examining Board, dated March 16, 1988. Since approximately March 25, 1988, Mr. Johnson has worked as a physical therapy assistant for Peterson Health Care of Wisconsin, Inc.

7. Mr. Johnson hereby voluntarily agrees that he may not practice or be reregistered as a physical therapist until he takes and passes an oral examination on the practice of physical therapy before the Physical Therapists Examining Council. Mr. Johnson also voluntarily agrees that the Medical Examining Board may reprimand him for his failure to register with the Medical Examining Board, as outlined in paragraph 5.

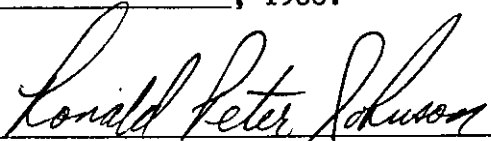
8. For the purposes of this Stipulation, Mr. Johnson agrees that the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board may make and enter the attached Final Decision and Order without prior notice to any party.

9. In consideration of the agreements contained in this Stipulation, and upon the making and entering of the attached Final Decision and Order, investigative file #88 MED 92 shall be administratively closed by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board and no formal complaint shall issue from this investigation.

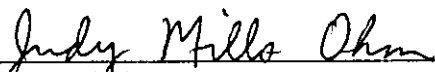
10. Mr. Johnson, the attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, and the member of the Board designated as the advisor in this matter, may appear before the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board to argue in favor of acceptance of this Stipulation and the issuance of the attached Final Decision and Order.

11. If any term or condition of this Stipulation and proposed Final Decision and Order is not approved by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board, then no term of this Stipulation and attached proposed Final Decision and Order shall be binding in any manner on any party.

Dated this 16 day of June, 1988.

  
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Ronald Peter Johnson, P.T.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1988.

  
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Judy Mills Ohm, Attorney  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Division of Enforcement

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